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SUBJECT:ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. AS INDICATED SEPTEL, CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO PRESS FOR A MULTILATERAL TREATY ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. NEW USG PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE CURRENT PROPOSAL (REFTEL), PLUS APPROPRIATE PROVISION FOR HOME COUNTRY CRIMINAL SANCTIONS.

2. GOA HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN ILLICIT PAYMENTS PROBLEM THROUGH APPROACHES TO U.S. REGARDING POSSIBLE BILATERAL AGREEMENT (FORMER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON AND FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ROBINSON BOTH HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS WITH GOA OFFICIALS) AND THROUGH ITS USE OF AFFIDAVITS REGARDING USE OF AGENTS IN SALES TO
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ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER IN LIGHT OF THIS INTEREST GOA WILL SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO FORMULATION OF A TREATY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT BELIEVES AFFIDAVIT SYSTEM, WHICH HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ALGERIA, COULD BE PROFITABLY ADOPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS PART OF A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT. USE OF AFFIDAVITS HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS AT

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ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES, AND COULD BE

CENTRAL ELEMENT OF A TREATY ALONG WITH ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND HOME AND HOST COUNTRY PROSECUTION.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE SENIOR GOA OFFICIALS TO BRIEF THEM ON CURRENT USG THINKING AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER GOA IS READY TO SUPPORT AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER GOA WILL SEND SENIOR OFFICIALS OR EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH 28 MEETING OF THE ECOSOC WORKING GROUP, WHETHER IT HAS IDEAS OF ITS OWN ON THE CONTENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, AND WHETHER IT FAVORS A PROVISION ON AFFIDAVITS IN THE TREATY. YOU MAY INDICATE USDEL (WHICH WILL BE LED BY DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER MARK B. FELDMAN) WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH ALGERIAN DELEGATION ON THESE ISSUES.
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